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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to U.S. Patent No. 5,668,642, which is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and of which a copy is enclosed.

Applicants also direct the Examiner's attention to the following U.S. patent applications which have been commonly assigned with this application, and for which copies are enclosed:


U.S. Application No. 09,571,152, filed May 16, 2000, by Suga, D., et al.

U.S. Application No. 09/954,069, filed September 18, 2001, by Yoshida, T.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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